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The Foggy Bottom Association will host its annual International Fall Festival, Saturday, October 6, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Columbia Plaza Mall, 500 23rd Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Food & Drink

Featured at the Festival will be a mixture of cultural entertainment including local folk singer Eileen Joyner, a Brazilian dance group, the Hot Jazz band and a German accordionist. In addition, foods from a variety of ethnic backgrounds will be featured — German, Brazilian, Oriental, American, etc.

White Elephant Sale

Entertainment

Other booths include a White Elephant Sale, Silent Auction, Baked Goods and Clowns/Balloons for the children. Local community services will also host information booths.

Call M. Lamb 223-6308 for additional details and/or to volunteer your help.

Music

MONTHLY MEETING

Featuring Candidates for:

D.C. Council Chairman

and D.C. Delegate

Monday, September 24, 1990 8:00 P.M.

FBA CANDIDATES FORUM

Featuring Candidates for:

Mayor and At-Large Council

Thursday, October 4, 1990 7:30 P.M.

St. Paul's Parish House 2430 K Street, N.W.

We Get Letters

For a couple of weeks in June, I enjoyed late afternoons sitting in my back yard to observe two lovely grey catbirds as they tended their brood nestled somewhere deep in my large mock orange bushes.

The two birds had distinct personalities. One was hesitant at my presence, pausing at a distance to flick wings and tail before entering the thick shrubbery. The other was quite friendly, perching close to me to sing sweet trills as it came and went.

One afternoon as I brought my iced tea to my garden table, I found a fat, collared, yelloweyed grey cat sitting surrounded by the gory remains of these pretty, delicate birds. I was unable to find their nest and distraught at the thought of their brood's eventual death by slow starvation.

Some will say all this is natural. I say a well-fed house cat should not be allowed to roam at will, killing for pleasure, itself at risk from traffic, parasites and disease.

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NEXT ANC MEETING

Tuesday October 9, 1990

Columbia Hospital for Women 2425 L Street, N.W.

Library Friends Reorganized

The newly organized West End Library Friends held its first meeting in September, adopted bylaws, and established a nominating committee. The group has been formed to raise funds and provide assistance to the library and its staff. West End Librarian Diane Mohr is identifying library needs and is seeking community support. She can be contacted at 727-1397. And watch the FBNews for future meeting notices.

Monsignor Joseph F. Denges, the former pastor of St. Stephen Martyr Church, died in late August at the age of 92. He served at St. Stephens from 1948 until his retirement in 1968.

Dies at 92

Born in Baltimore, Denges was ordained in 1927, and served at St. Patrick's and Holy Comforter parishes, plus Gallinger Hospital in Washington, and Holy Ghost Parish in Issue, Md. prior to being assigned to St. Stephen's. Two brothers, Peter and Benedict, were also priests.

Aviator Marion Hart Dies in California

Marion Rice Hart, who lived in Foggy Bottom for 20 years, died in July at a hospital in Berkeley, California. She was 98 years old. Hart took up flying at the age of 54 and made her first flight to Europe at the age of 63, and her first solo across the Atlantic at 74. Hart also sailed around the world on a 72-foot sailing boat. She is the author of several books about her travels, and "How to Navigate Today: A Celestial Guide to Navigation," which was published in six editions.

AFI Plans Irene Dunn Series

Watch your newspapers for the series of Irene Dunne films to be shown in October at the American Film Institute at the Kennedy Center. Dunne, a lovely actress who made more than 50 films, died in September at the age of 88.

Don't Forget the New Dialing instructions

Beginning October 1, be sure to dial the area code and phone number when making local calls to other area codes. When calling a local number in the same area code, dial the 7-digit phone number as you do now. When calling a local number in another area code, dial the area code and the 7-digit number.

For example: If you are in D.C., and are calling another D.C. number you continue to dial the 7-digit number. If you are calling a number in northern Virginia, dial 703 and the 7-digit number, and add 301 for Maryland numbers. There will be no change in C&P rates and charges and no change in how you make toll and long distance

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A warm welcome to our Foggy Bottom neighbors!

We're Hunting for White Elephants

Do you have some household items taking up valuable space? If so, donate them to the Foggy Bottom Association White Elephant Sale. We are in need of small decorative items, kitchenware, books (hard and paperback), costume jewelry and other accessories (but no apparel or shoes), pictures or small appliances (tvs, radios, sewing machines), etc.

The sale will be a feature of the Foggy Bottom Association's "International Fall Festival" which will be held in the Columbia Plaza Mall, 23rd & VA. Ave., N.W, Saturday, October 6, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please call Mary Lamb, the event coordinator, at 457-4943 during the day or at 223-6308 in the evenings, if you have any items to donate. To allow time for pricing, etc., donations must be received by 10/2/90.

USDA Classes at Francis Junior High

The Graduate School of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is again offering classes at Francis Junior High School. Phone-in registration (475-4280) runs through September 28; walk-in registration at the South Agriculture Building, 14th & Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 1103, through October 5; Saturday hours (9/22, 29 and 10/6) are from noon to 4:00 p.m. Subjects for this term are English Composition, Environmental Technology,

English as a Second Language (9 different courses), one Russian, one Swahili, two French, two German and three Spanish classes, photography, algebra, architectural improvements for your home, analysis of financial statements, statistics, project management, and position classification (federal personnel management process). All classes are in the evening; call 447-5885 for information. It is located at 24th and N Streets.



DeVito Re-Elected FBA President

At the June FBA meeting, Elayne DeVito was re-elected president of the Association. Also re-elected were Mary Brewster, Vice President; Anne Lomas, Secretary; Chris Lamb, Treasurer; and Grace Watson, Membership Director.

Two new Executive Board members were elected: David Fothergill-Quinlan who lives in the 2500 block of K Street; and Harold J. Sarbacher of the Watergate. Re-elected were Ruth M. Knauft, Lawrence Myslewski, Sandra Vonetes and Henrietta Zoltrow. FBN Editor Ellie Becker and Past President Richard Price remain as ex officio Board members.

Hearing Set for ANC Legislation

A hearing has been set for Thursday, October 11, 5:30 p.m., on the "Advisory Neighborhood Commission Act of 1990." Betty Ann Kane is the author of the bill, and the Committee on Government Operations will hear testimony in the D.C. Council Chambers, Distict Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

According to the notice, the bill will make ANC staff eligible for health and life insurance, change the funding formula and make procedural changes in ANC law. If passed, the bill would establish a recall election process and allow for special elections to fill ANC vacancies.

Persons wishing to testify should contact Edward Rich or Robin Slye at 724-8174 by close of business Monday, October 8.

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Discount: 10% off. Good till April 1, 1991.

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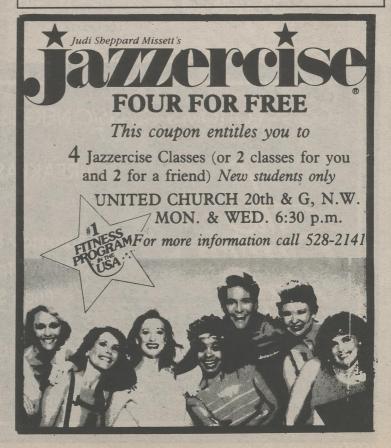
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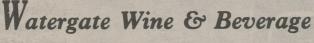
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Developers and the government agencies have ignored the comments and objections of the residents. The development of the historic Cooper Houses at 2521-23 K Street are an example. Current plans call for virtual demolition of the Cooper

Do We Want Foggy Bottom To Be Manhattanized?

by David Fothergill-Quinlan

Houses with the facades to be topped by a 12-story building — almost 20 feet higher than the legal 90-foot zoning matter of right. The effect of this development will:

- add more traffic/pollution to streets saturated with cars
- add more density to the neighborhood by towering and overshadowing all other

buildings in this square

— set the precedent for future

"skyscrapers" and overdevelopment of the area.

In the case of the Cooper Houses, legal action is under way to stem the flow of rampant development. However, your contribution is needed today, to allow the concerned citizens in the neighborhood to take the

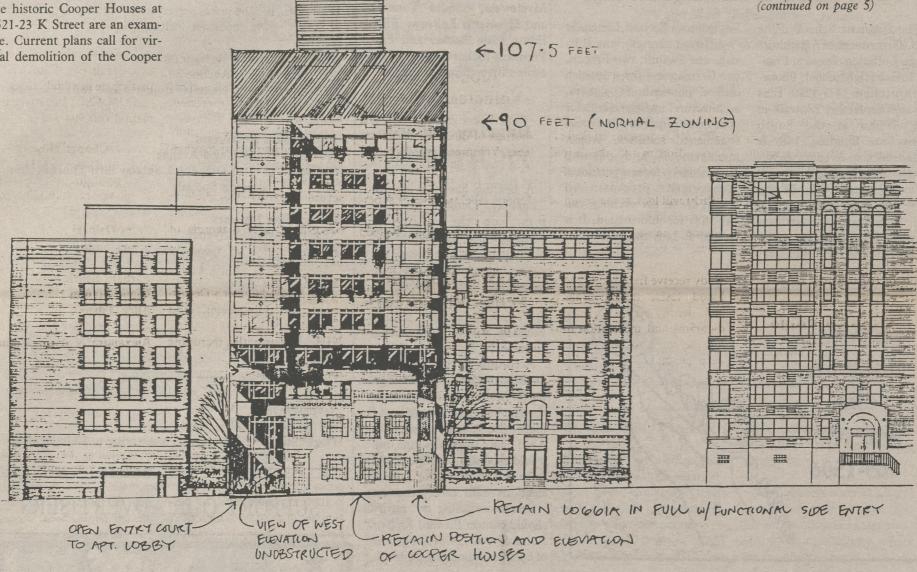
legal steps to challenge the decision permitting the unprecedented height of the proposed development (see plan illustration). Please make your tax-deductible contributions payable to:

The Foggy Bottom Association c/o West End Library 24th and L Streets, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037

Please be sure to write "Cooper Houses" on your check. If you have any questions, call FBA president Elayne DeVito at 202/828-8112.

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Volunteer Opportunities At West End Library

The West End Branch Library, located at 24th & L Streets, N.W. is currently interviewing candidates for volunteer positions. Community residents who have an interest in helping the library complete a variety of projects are invited to contact the Branch Librarian, Miss Mohr, at 727-1397.

The Library needs help with a number of projects in the children's room, as well as the adult service. Among them are the Library Friends Fundraising project, collection maintenance and program planning.

Join the Ivy League

English ivy has overtaken many of the trees on Theodore Roosevelt Island, and volunteers are being recruited to "hack it back." Groups are especially welcome, but individuals can participate as well. Call 285-2598. Once a volunteer receives orientation, one works when one wants to, just keeping track of time spent and trees cleared. (Take it from Ellie the Ivy-Leaguer; you can work off lots of frustrations! Ed.)

National Study Of Women

With the help of two of NBC's "Golden Girls," The George Washington University Medical Center and six other medical centers are currently recruiting more than 800 volunteers for a national threeyear study of estrogen and heart disease risk factors in postmenopausal women.

In public service announcements broadcast on television and radio, actresses Rue McClanahan and Betty White call for volunteers for the Postmenopausal Estrogen/Progestin Interventions Trial (PEPI), sponsored by the Na-

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tional Institutes of Health

"Coronary heart disease is the number-one killer of American women. Each year, 250,000 women die of this disease," said John C. LaRosa, M.D., GWUMC's dean for clinical affairs, director of the Lipid Research Clinic, and principal investigator of the GW study. "PEPI will look at the group of women most vulnerable to heart disease — those who have had a natural or surgical menopause."

Women participating in the study receive free study-related blood tests, mammography, bone density studies, electrocardiograms and medication during the three-year study. Participants must be 45-64 years of

age, in good health, and have had either a natural or surgical menopause.

Bloodmobile **Volunteers Sought**

The Red Cross has a critical shortage of Bloodmobile Volunteers. Volunteers who have free week day hours are needed. Call 782-6666 to volunteer to register donors, label supplies or supervise the canteen. Help secure the life-saving supply of blood for your community.

GWU Hospital Seeks Volunteers

The Women's Board of The George Washington University Hospital is in need of volunteers



Rue McClanahan (1) and Betty White (2nd from right) of NBC's "Golden Girls", with PEPI representatives Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, M.D., and Diane B. Story, R.N. (r)

work, you will find this activity please call 229-8222.

The Department of Psychiatry seeks patients with Alzheimer's disease who are free of severe nutritional and liver disease to participate in a study concerning early diagnosis of Alzheimer's. For more information, call 994-3417.

The Medical Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in conjunction with NIH, is currently recruiting volunteers for a study of hormone and mood changes in women who are in transition to menopause and experiencing irregular periods. For more information call 994-4614.

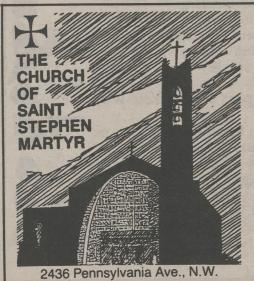
The Lipid Research Clinic seeks men over the age of 20 with high cholesterol to participate in a study of high fiber cereal. For more information call 676-5150.

The Medical Center's AIDS

who would enjoy working in the Clinical Trials Unit seeks Lobby Gift Shop four hours a volunteers who have AIDS or day, once a week. If you have ARC and low neutrophil counts ever considered doing volunteer as a result of taking AZT, to participate in a study using AZT most gratifying. If interested, and GM-CSF. For more information call 994-3417.

> **Cooper Houses** (continued from page 4) **Eric Lindauist** Anna Maria Malkoc Robert Niemic Petra Osinski Joan Render Gabriel Rodriguez Barbara Searle Diane Stamm Alice Tilson Maria and Geoffrey Tyler Alexandra & Irwin Wolman

Today, you may not have an obstruction looming at your window. If you sit back and let this happen, however, the next "monster" building may be directly in front of you! Remember: If we do not take action today, we may not get another opportunity to stop this intrusion into our lives and our neighborhood. We stopped buses in the historic district. Now is the time to stop unprecedented 12-story buildings. Please help us today. Thank you.



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HSW Sponsors Foggy Bottom Tour

The Historical Society of Washington is sponsoring a walking tour of Foggy Bottom on Saturday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. HSW member Steven Hoglund will conduct the tour and contrast FB's early middle-class residential areas (including the home of Chief Justice Marshall), its turnof-the-century workers' homes, and the 20th century impact of large institutions on a small neighborhood. Reservations required; call 875-2068. "Now overshadowed by modern office and apartment buildings and the expansion of George Washington University, Foggy Bottom was one of Washington's earlier settlements. Originally known as Hamburg or Funkstown (after Jacob Funk who planned a village there in the last part of the 18th century), the little settlement became Washington's factory district by the late 19th century." Included in the tour are "many Federal and Richardsonian Romanesque style homes, a Renwick-designed church, and the challenges posed by Washington's unique wedge-shaped lots."

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How Foggy Bottom Voted

Foggy Bottom voters turned out for the September 11 Primary Election, sometimes going with the winner and sometimes going our own separate way.

These unofficial results are based on all three Foggy Bottom/West End precincts combined (West End Library, St. Mary's Court and United Church). The tables are given only for contests in which there was competition, and write-in votes were ignored.

As for the Democratic nomination for Mayor, Foggy Bottom residents gave 57% of their vote to the winner — Sharon Pratt Dixon. By comparison, Dixon won 35% of the vote citywide, and 43% of the vote in Ward 2. Foggy Bottom gave its second largest percentage to Council Chair David Clarke (19%), and Councilmember John Ray came in third.

The Democratic nomination for Council Chair ended in a clear instance in which Foggy Bottom voters went for the winner in a big way. Councilmember John Wilson got 93% of the vote here, compared to 90% in Ward 2 and 82% citywide.

Foggy Bottom did not always go with the winning candidate, however. For the Congressional

	VOTER	TURNO	UT
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Regi	strati	on	Turnout

1,055

		(52%)
Ward 2 Total	25,214	12,423 (49%)
Citywide Total	233,313	123,554 (53%)

2,025

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Registration	Turnout

1.180

	(25%)
5,166	1,145 (22%)
26,667	6,558 (25%)

DEMOCRATIO	CRATIC MAYORAL VOTE				
DIXON	RAY	JARVIS	CLARKE	FAUNTROY	
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	(5/%)	(10%)	(84)	(19%)	(14)	
Ward 2 Total	5,327 (43%)	2,572 (21%)	2,238 (18%)	1,346 (11%)	796 (6%)	
Citywide Total	42,194 (35%)	31,134 (25%)	26,263 (21%)	13,136 (11%)	8,979 (7%)	

DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL CHAIR VOTE

	WILSON	ORANGE
FOGGY BOTTOM	897 (93%)	65 (7%)
Ward 2 Total	10,049 (90%)	1,168 (10%)
Citywide Total	88,963 (82%)	19,314 (18%)

Delegate race, Republicans here did give the winner, Harry Singleton, 60% of its vote. But on the Democratic side, 73% of Foggy Bottom's votes went to Councilmember Betty Ann

Kane, compared to 15% for Eleanor Holmes Norton. Norton, who failed to win Ward 2, won the nomination with 39% of the vote citywide.

There was also a reversal in

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DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATE VOTE KANE NORTON ALL OTHERS					
FOGGY BOTTOM	742 (73%)	156 (15%)	121 (12%)		
Ward 2 Total	5,393 (45%)	3,848 (32%)	2,627 (22%)		
Citywide Total	39,426 (33%)	46,620 (39%)	32,414 (28%)		

	SINGLETON	CHAMPAGNE	MILLER
FOGGY BOTTOM	155 (60%)	90 (35%)	15 (5%)
Ward 2 Total	607 (63%)	273 (28%)	84 (9%)
Citywide Total	3,690 (68%)	1,251 (23%)	451 (8%)

DENGER	LYNCH	CROPP	BARNES
FOGGY BOTTOM	219 (48%)	90 (20%)	148 (32%)
Ward 2 Total	3,629 (37%)	3,924 (40%)	2,333 (24%)
Citywide Total	21,717 (22%)	50,567 (51%)	26,439 (27%)

the voting pattern for the Democratic At-Large Council seat, the seat vacated by Kane. Terry Lynch won 48% of the Foggy Bottom vote, compared to 20% for the winner - Linda Cropp. Johnny Barnes, the third candidate for this seat, came in second in Foggy Bottom.

Overall, the voter turnout itself in Foggy Botton was not much different from the rest of city, among both Republicans and Democrats living here. About half of the registered Democrats and a quarter of the registered Republicans voted. On the other hand, Foggy Bottom

voters of both parties did turn out at slightly higher rates than their counterparts in Ward 2.

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Nearly all of the hospitals now have patient advocates, whose most important job is to see about the patient's needs and aren't put down by the staff. they help if you don't speak English, or have family with you to ask in your behalf, or help you get a second opinion - all in all help you get your rights.

Most have baccalaureate degrees, typically in psychology or the social sciences. Because most report to the administration, they won't be able to overrule the financial office in bill disputes.

You may be given the name of the patient rep as you check into the hospital. If not, ask. More than 3/4ths of 500-bed or bigger hospitals have patient reps, and 18% of those with 100 beds or fewer do, according to the National Society for Patient Representation and Consumer Affairs.

If you'd like to offer financial help to a charity or your old alma mater but aren't ready to do so now, consider making the organization a beneficiary of some of your life insurance. Then, at your death, the group will automatically get your gift.

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If you're planning a trip to Fort Lauderdale, write ahead for a free directory of discounts called Senior Citizen Saver. Bargains include special packages at some of the city's hotels, and reduced or free admission to tourist attractions like Butterfly World, Flamingo Gardens, Discovery Cruises, as well as museums, harness and greyhound race tracks in the area. For a copy, contact the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, 500 East Broward Boulevard, Suite 104, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33394; 800/356-1662.

You don't outgrow cavities, says Colgate, the toothpaste manufacturer, citing a study released by the National Institute for Dental Research. Still, according to the American Dental Association, 80% of older Americans are keeping their teeth longer, and only 20% of all Americans wear dentures - down 10% since 1970. Brushing, flossing and visiting the dentist regularly may help reduce the risk of cavities and gum disease.

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Sidewalk Talk

by Betty Olsen

With the anticipation of Autumn. . . . summer memories linger on, especially for the people in Foggy Bottom who took trips far and wide. The Edward Gables are still reminiscing over their white nights in Russia during the Summer Soltice (when you can take pictures at midnight and their stop at the Hermitage in Leningrad. They took the train ride from Finland, the same one that Lenin took years ago. Ed said, "I'm so glad we took it, but it is one of those things that I wouldn't want to do again."

Alpharetta, Georgia outside of Atlanta to attend a friend's wedding, then on to Ashville, North Carolina to visit more friends and enjoy that mountain air with bits of autumn color showing already.

mine for sapphires in Montana. You should see the sack of beauties they returned with and plenty of stories to go with them.

Off to the San Juan Islands again were Richard Price and Walter Anderson. This time they took a seaplane to Orcas and then took a car by ferry to the mainland to tour British Columbia's Vancouver and Victoria. "Have you seen the museum of nature in Victoria, it is unbelievably beautiful," Anderson said. Saw Anderson at gathering around the Westbridge pool recently and he was telling about the revamping of the condo's athletic club which he is overseeing.

Melita Rodeck reallilly Sharon Dean went south to traveled west to see her brother and his family in Australia.

> Mary and Chris Lamb stole away to Pittsburgh to see Mary's parents, then to Lancaster to visit with other family members.

Have you seen the historic Cindy Warren and son Leo signs now up in Foggy Bottom? went west for a wedding and to Doesn't the air just smell different with all the history that has been here before our time?

Speaking of history. . . . at the Watergate. . . . new residents are Mrs. Susan Miller, Mrs. Dominga Falconer, Mrs. Katheryn Sappington, Dr. Dale Masi, Dr. Harold Green and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Buckholtz.

Did you notice that Marshall's is gone? A lot of neighbors will miss the watering hole in The Bottom.

Hear that GWU's new campus outside of Leesburg is under way, but so is their old campus right here in the neighborhood. The students are . . . baaaack.

Mignon Smith's Mede Cahaba Stable and Stud, Class Star Syndicate, had a Stakes Winner, Conga Tempo, at Atlantic City Racecourse during the summer and a win at Laurel and a place at Pimlico. There was also a last-minute slip-by in the Maryland Million to come in a length and a quarter behind for second place in the \$100,000 fifth race. They are proud that ribbons, ribbons, ribbons too numerous to mention were awarded her horses at shows throughout the area.

everyone is reading the New York Times these days. She was awakened recently by the front door buzzer and when she turned on the building's camera to see who was there in the early morning there was a man whose chest was bare but was covered below by the Times. Seems he had been turned out in the End. altogether by someone in the building and was wanting a pair said at first she thought he was Mimi Jabez close the "Colette"

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a jogger but then the story unfolded, verbally, that is. Someone else in the building took pity on him before she could lend him clothing.

Must have been a loser at strip poker . . . or something.

We have our share of tourists in this neighborhood, and all of us have seen them heading for the Metro, snapping photos of the Watergate, strolling around the Kennedy Center, etc. etc. But did you know that the two Virginia Avenue gas stations are also of interest? One morning in August both Watergate Exxon and Watergate Sunoco were hosts to a large group of Japanese tourists, gathered around the gas pumps and listening intently.

More news from the Watergate complex: it was reported in the Washington Post earlier this summer that the Watergate Hotel has been purchased by a partnership of British and Japanese companies. Elayne DeVito says that According to the article, Trusthouse Forte, the British hotel firm, and Nikko Securities International, purchased the 237-room hotel for \$48 million. Trusthouse currently manages the hotel. Earlier Japanese companies had purchased interests in the Hay-Adams, the Jefferson and the Westin Hotel in West

Rennie Melonson of Potomac Plaza was sad to see of pants to go home in. DeVito her friends Tina Winston and

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boutique at Watergate on June 30. Happy retirement, ladies; we'll all miss you and your lovely shop!

Rennie also wishes to state that she had to borrow books from other libraries in the summertime, as West End is never cold enough for her, especially in the latest non-fiction corner. She says the climate here in D.C., i.e., hot and humid, is intolerable for her and she needs to cool off rather than perspire as she does in the West End Library. (This has been going on for years because of an inadequate ventilating system apparently. Why doesn't someone investigate now that we have a new librarian?)

Editor's Note: Perhaps this is a project for the Friends of the West End Library; see article elsewhere in this issue.



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OUT OF THE FOG By David Fothergill-Quinlan

NEIGHBORHOODS

With unrelenting development and construction in the Foggy Bot- want to count 2000 Penntom neighborhood, I am beginning to wonder what a "neighborhood" is. At one time, I thought it meant a section of a city that had services, shopping and restaurants, which was indicative of the people who lived there. A place where a merchant could pay an honest rent and make an honest wage. A homey, comfortable place that was fun to explore. An appealing place to the eye, which could roam from color to color when scanning individual establishments. Sights and sounds that make one feel that he/she belongs. Total neighborhoods started to disappear in the early 1960s. In smaller cities like Camden, N.J., neighborhoods started to disintegrate in the 1950s. New York still has neighborhoods of all descriptions from Greenwich Village to Yorkville and I think they will continue to exist, unabated, because their major development was pretty much established a long time ago.

neighborhoods. Anacostia, Petworth, and all the way up Georgia Avenue, N.W. We also have Adams Morgan, Cleveland Park, Tenleytown, and Chevy Chase, D.C. New "mini" neighborhoods are springing up in Woodley Park and Van Ness. Then, of course, you have Georgetown, which everyone thinks of as their neighborhood, and in its heterogeneous way it is. It is a stylized version of a neighborhood, for tourists and visitors, but a neighborhood nonetheless.

By the above description, Foggy Bottom was once a neighborhood. Even when I arrived three years ago, it was a

Washington also has its neighborhood. There was Donatello's, Marshall's, Shiro-Ya, Viet Nam (before Two Vikings), Cantina Mexicali (before Top Hat and California Grille), Trieste, Casey's, Henry's, the 21st Amendment, La Gaulois, One Step Down, The Dove and the Rainbow, Brasil Tropical, several carryouts and hot dog vendors and a Domino's Pizza. There was a uniform store, a barber shop, a science fiction bookshop, Howard's Liquor Store, the Washington Market, a tailor, several churches, two drycleaners, two hospitals, and a genuine pawnshop. We had a Wendy's, several posh restaurants, a Crown Books, a drug store, a Roy Rogers and a new age shopping area — if you sylvania Avenue (a mall which draws a similar crowd to Georgetown). We also had a camera shop, a couple of convenience stores and emporiums of beauty. Then there was the Watergate, which definitely does provide some adequate goods and services, but it is not the ambiance I am suggesting by the word "neighborhood."

The Foggy Bottom "neighborhood" was not complete three years ago, but it certainly was much more of a neighborhood than it is today. Right now half the restaurants mentioned above are gone or threatened with destruction and the pawn shop, uniform store, Washington Market, and bookstore are gone. Beyond these losses, oneby-one we are losing the Victorian "brownstone" and brick buildings which made Foggy Bottom distinctive. I know that Foggy Bottom has been losing historic buildings for the past seventy-five years, but we are now in the age where the last buildings in the area have a chance to be reclaimed. Actually, we are beyond this point. Why? Because developers do not want to restore buildings without large additions. At times they keep original facades and incorporate their designs to misfit these facades, but they are not restoring buildings. What we have seen in the past three years is a rapid encroachment of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood by office building developers. Private homes and small "needed" shops (essential services) have been thrown away and, in their wake, we get unoccupied glass office towers and high density atrocities which are described by their architects as "sensitive" and totally "in context" with the feeling of the residential neighborhood. The developers are not here at night. The developers do not shop here. Rampant development office buildings do not bring community living.

Boutique price stores on the first floor of our new "office complexes" are great, if we are trying to copy the "new and improved" homogenized "downtown," but rose granite or dingy gray do not draw the eye or dazzle the senses and do not spell "neighborhood." Unless these retail spaces are subsidized, lowprofit margin businesses like a variety store, hardware, or shoe repair cannot move into our area. We need these types of businesses, but they can't function with high rents. Maybe we could get a Murphy's or McCrory's into the space where Alcott and Andrews was in 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue.

I think we have to think very hard about what is left of our Foggy Bottom neighborhood. Is it worth the fight? Has the battle already been lost? Can we win back some of our neighborhood, piece by piece? Can we have a community and a neighborhood? Can we keep our flowers? Can we keep our homes? Whatever happened to Foggy Bottom? Where is our neighborhood?



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From By-Gone Days*

By Harold Lindstrom

The Foggy Bottom Story

By Nathan Poole, Vice President, Boss and Phelps, Inc. Reprinted from lawyers Title News

and Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, D.C., within a few blocks of the White House, is "Foggy Bottom," a low-lying area of some thirty or forty city blocks reclaimed from what was once spongy swampland. To the North and West rise the heights of aristocratic Georgetown and to the South are the Lincoln Memorial and the Picturesque

In the days before the Federal City was laid out, Foggy Bottom was part of a small fishing village. As its name implies, it was a notably unhealthful spot where mosquitoes, frogs, and even "ghosts" flourished. As recently as a decade ago, Foggy Bottom's chief claims to distinction were as the gashouse district and as the home of the Heurich Brewery. Most of its 350 houses were substandard to begin with and deteriorated from that point to a shambles.

In 1802 all the buildings in the old fishing village were valued at approximately \$12,000; ground values were two to four cents per foot. Today the land runs much higher; in one recent transaction ground there sold for \$40.00 a foot. As it stands now, Foggy Bottom is an outstanding example of the value of rehabilitation through private enterprise. And there is more to come.

Foggy Bottom now boasts a cated, men envisioned Foggy

Between the Potomac River completed multi-million dollar combination cooperative apartment house and office building, the first of eight buildings planned to comprise "Potomac Plaza Center." Another unit of the Center, now almost complete, is Peoples Life Insurance Company building - an imposing marble structure, similar in size and architecture to the City's Federal Government buildings. Throughout the Center area, blocks of formerly sub-standard houses have undergone a marvelous transformation into smart Georgetowntype homes in the twenty to forty thousand dollar price range. These projects have already been substantially completed. In the advanced planning stage and soon to be built in the area are: the National Headquarters of the American Association of University Women, a new \$55,000,000 State Department Building due for occupancy in 1960, and the National Association of General Contractors' building. Nearby George Washington University proposes to build a large medical center and expand its overall campus in the area. Congress has approved a site in Foggy Bottom for construction of The National Cultural Center and Auditorium.

As far back as 1922, when the Lincoln Memorial was dediBottom as a delightful and important part of the City. But actual development of the "Bottom" has taken place only in the last five years.

In 1948, after the gasworks were dissembled, the Gas Company offered a 6-1/2 acre tract for sale, but there were no takers. In 1953, several foresighted individuals, realizing the potentialities of this favorably located but long neglected area, began the work of rehabilitation. It was at this time that the value of the gas company tract, which had been offered at public auction, became attractive, and through a series of leases with options to purchase, it was put in use by the backers of what is now Potomac Plaza. The pioneers include the real estate firm of Woodward and Norris; Eleanor Dulles, sister of John Foster Dulles; the Ben Burches; the Joseph Robitschers, and other restoration

Little by little, beginning in Snow's Court, Hughes Court, and Green's Court, residences began to put on new faces. In the early nineteen-fifties these houses sold for approximately \$800; by 1954 they sold for \$5,500. Today, to-be-remodeled homes are bringing as much as \$12,500, and the restored residences are selling as high as

Attracted by the project, local and out-of-town investors began to assemble ground tracts. In March 1954, a New York firm was attempting to win District approval of its proposed \$75,000,000 medical and luxury apartment buildings, which necessitated a changeover from residential to first commercial zoning. Today the first of these buildings is a reality, and the Potomac Plaza Center has changed the entire character of the neighborhood along Virginia Avenue.

Private builders and financing sources, with faith in the area, have forged ahead in spite of uncertainties. They have had to contend with a myriad of probminimized past achievements in the area. Not the least of their which rezoned the entire city, effective May 12, 1958. While this plan worked for the benefit of much of the city, it treated Foggy Bottom as if it were still of the character described in its early state of malexistence. Repeated meetings were held with the zoning board, at which gatherings residents of the area, as well as the financial and development interests, teamed up in their efforts to have certain of the new zoning ordinances changed for the benefit of the area.

Another complex situation arose in March, 1955, when the District Redevelopment Land Agency proposed to designate a sixteen block area in Foggy Bottom as a "key area" for urban renewal. While such a solution to slum problems might have been acceptable some years before, the residents of the area felt that too much interest and work was at stake to give Foggy Bottom over to a municipal agency that had public housing at heart. Then, too, urban renewal requirements called for a certain percentage of existing dwellings to be slum housing. In view of the rehabilitation and renovation of many houses the area was well below the necessary slum incidence.

The urban renewal plan caused much concern among the development and financial interests and the proposal became the source of contention among various factions. Many feared that (1) government intervention would depress and delay the renovation and improvement by spreading confusion and uncertainty among private developers and financing sources, and (2) the renewal plan might require different uses of land from those already intended by investors who had assembled tracts. Others felt that some city planning was needed to help maintain the high quality of expansion already begun. Although these problems are not yet completely resolved, the fact that private enterprise is accomplishing so much has caused the urban

lems that might have either renewal authorities to lessen stymied future development, or their interest in the area as the object of an aid program.

Recently further confusion of worries was the Lewis Plan, a different nature has been spread by the problem of determining the location of one leg of the new freeway system which will cross Foggy Bottom, carrying traffic to the bridges across the Potomac River. The freeway will be part of a gigantic loop encircling the city, with exchanges, exits and entrances, located at strategic traffic points. The loop, which will do much to alleviate Washington's traffic problems, especially at peak rush hours, will bring Foggy Bottom closer to the suburbs and provide easier access to the Virginia side of the Potomac. With approaches to the freeway and new bridge right in the area, Foggy Bottom will be ideally located both as a quiet business location and as a residential area for the white collar worker.

> With progress going steadily forward, and the vision of completed projects combined to represent one of the most beautiful and prosperous sections of the Federal City ever before their eyes, the investors and developers of the area continue to surmount the complex problems which present themselves. In view of this courage and hope, and with the evidence of final success already manifesting itself in the construction now off the ground, citizens of Washington are showing a feeling of pride in the area.

> Foggy Bottom is becoming a shining example of the service that private enterprise, fair speculation, and unwavering purpose can render la community.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, September 24: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring candidates for D.C. Council Chairman and D.C. Delegate. St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 27: Luncheon with guest speaker Delano E. Lewis, president and chief executive officer of the C&P Telephone Co. Sponsored by GWU School of Business and Public Management, the luncheon is open to the public. GW University Club, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W., \$16 per person; 11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 1: Opening of exhibit, "A Century of Collecting: The DAR Museum at 100 Years." Important examples of 18th and early 19th century textiles, ceramics, furniture, glass, metals and paintings presented in the context of the decade in which they were collected by the DAR museum. Closes April 22, 1991. Museum Gallery, 1776 D Street, N.W.

Monday, October 1: Opening of exhibit, "Wheels and Reels: The Tools of Fiber Production in Early America." A selection of tools used in textile production, commemorating the spinning wheel and distaff as the official insignia of the DAR. Closes April 22, 1991. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W.

Thursday, October 4: Book-signing party by Washington cookbook author Carol Cutler. The Bistro, 2401 M Street, N.W., which will feature dishes from Cutler's latest book, *Catch of the Day*, on its October 5-7 menus. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 4: FBA Candidates Forum, featuring candidates for Mayor and At-Large Council seats, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W.

Thursday, October 4: Reading by Pablo Medina, poet, memoirist and fiction writer, who is the 1990-91 GWU Jenny McKean Moore Writer-in-Washington. Featured will be his "Exiled Memories: Memoirs of a Youth in Cuba." Marvin Center, Room 403, 800 21st Street, N.W. 8:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, October 4-6: "Waiting for Marge," a comedy by the late Washington playwright Nick Mathwick, presented by GW Department of Theatre and Dance. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$8 general admission; \$5 students and senior citizens. 8:00 p.m. Also Sunday, October 7, at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 5: Eye-Opener Breakfast featuring Jerry B. Harvey, GW professor of management science, discussing "Group Tyranny and the Gunsmoke Phenomenon" and "The Asoh Defense: Managing Blame and Forgiveness." GW University Club, 800 21st Street, N.W.; \$8 per person; 8:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 6: Reading and discussion of Moses: Man of the Mountain, by Zora Neale Hurston, part of a reading and discussion series entitled "Consider the Source: Old Tale Retold." Martin Luther King Memorial Library, Room A-5, 901 G Street, N.W. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Saturday, October 6: Walking Tour of Foggy Bottom, conducted by Steven Hoglund, freelance historian. Sponsored by Historical Society of Washington; reservations required (758-2068), \$4.50 members; \$6.00 non-members. 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (See article in this issue.)

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Tuesday, October 9: ANC-2A meeting, Columbia Hospital for Women, 2425 L Street, N.W., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 11: Lecture and Tour: "In Search of the Five of Hearts: Henry Adams and His Washington Circle," describing the lives and lifestyle of Henry Adams and his friends. (Adams and John Hay were founders of the Historical Society.) Reservations required; lecture free; tour, \$3.00 members; \$4.50 nonmembers. Lecture Hall, National Portrait Gallery, 12:00 noon-1:45 p.m.

Monday, October 15: Concert by classical pianist Malinee Peris, first performer in GWU Faculty Artists series; featuring music of French composers Debussy, Ravel and Poulenc, with narration of Ravel and Poulenc pieces by GW theatre professor Alan Wade. Tickets required (994-6245). Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16: Illustrated lecture, "Mermaids, Mummies & Mastodons," focusing on the activities of Charles Willson Peale and P.T. Barnum, the two most famous museum operators in the 19th century. Conservatory, Historical Society, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Free to HSW members; \$3.50 non-members. Reception, 6:00 p.m.; lecture 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 20: Reading and discussion of Ceremony, by Leslie Marmon Siko. Martin Luther King Library, 901 G Street, N.W., 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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Continuing Exhibits

Through Friday, October 5: "Historical Witness, Sacred Testament: Columbus and a Mirror for Majesty in the New World," an exhibit of colonial art and facsimiles of historical documents. Sponsored by the Embassy of Spain's Cultural Office, the National Hispanic Quincentennial Commission and GWU's Department of Art. Colonnade Gallery, Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W. 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Through Saturday, October 13: "Structural Symbols, Photographs of New York City," exhibit of vintage photographs by Berenice Abbott, N. J. Jaffe, Barbara Morgan, Alfred Stieglitz and others. Dimock Gallery, 21st & H Streets, N.W., Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Through January 10: "Bridges: Symbols of Progress," a collection of 32 photographs taken by Richard Margolis who terms bridges "monuments to civilization." National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W., Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. For weekend viewing, call 334-2436.

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"Ahhhtumn"



der again just how the leaves years of age and then it is free. turn those beautiful colors, especially in the East. Well, class, here we go again, so pay attention. Leaves of deciduous trees and shrubs begin to turn when the days become shorter and the nights cooler. Chlorophyll which makes the leaves green begins to break down under these weather conditions and the red, orange, yellow and purple of the leaves begin to show. Whatever color is most plentiful in the leaf is the one that you see. And finally the leaves fall and the tree begins to sleep for a while until the weather conditions are right again to wake up the chlorophyll to begin making the leaves green again for spring. The colors are always there; you just don't see them because of the abundance of the green substance, chlorophyll.

Get out this time of the year and take a drive then a walk through the woods to enjoy this sight to see. The Skyline Drive is a good destination and is close to us all. Drive into this wonderland of colors on U.S. 211 very close to Luray where the caverns are located. The toll

Autumn is the time you won- is \$5 a car unless you are 62 Another drive worth taking is any road through Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania at this time of the year. By the end of the month of October, the leaves will be at their height or just this side of it in the warmer

Also, take time to stop at the small towns along the way to browse through the country stores, make the flea market stops as well as the antique shops or junque places. It's fun and you are out in the fall air with a canopy of colors surrounding you. Talk to the locals and stop where they stop for lunch and dinner. Ask about what's going on near them; sometimes they can tell you just where to go, that is fun, that is.

Drive to Charlottesville this time of the year if you haven't seen Monticello, or to Winterthur, the DuPont's estate near Wilmington, or to Frederick ... some folks like to have a destination in mind rather than just ambling along. Then choose by your map a different way back to Foggy Bottom.

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The Days Grow Short

Now that the daylight hours are decreasing, it's time to think about lighting the inside of your house. Common mistakes are using two few or too many lights in a room and choosing wattages that are too low or too bright and glaring. For example, to light a small living room or bedroom (under 150 square feet), the American Home Lighting Institute recommends using 3 to 5 incandescent bulbs

with a total wattage of 150 to 200. (This translates into 40 to 60 watts of fluorescent light.) Average-size rooms (150 to 250 square feet) need 4 to 6 bulbs in 2 or more fixtures — 200 to 300 watts incandescent or 60 to 80 watts fluorescent. Large rooms (over 250 square feet) should be lighted by 1 watt per square foot with 1 fixture per 125 feet. The fluorescent recommendation is 1/3 watt per square foot.



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